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Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
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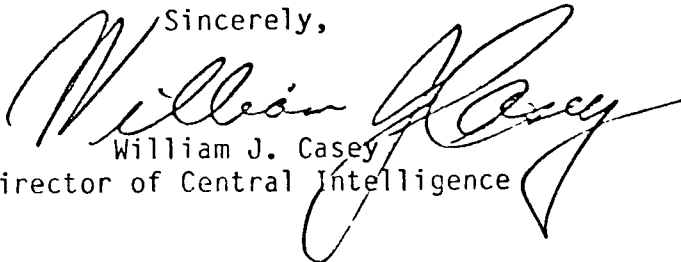
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter requesting a copy of the proposed Executive Order on the intelligence policy. The proposed revision of the Executive Order has been under way for some time in the Executive Branch under the direction of the National Security Council staff. The NSC has authorized consultations on a draft of this Order with both the House and Senate Intelligence Oversight Committees but has not authorized us to engage in dissemination of this draft revision or discussion of that draft beyond the Intelligence Oversight Committees. This is in accordance with Congressionally established procedure for the oversight of the Intelligence Community under which the intelligence agencies deal with the Intelligence Committees and that the needs of other committees are to be satisfied through the chairmen of those committees or through the members of their committee who sit on the Intelligence Committees who, in the case of the Judiciary Committee, are Messrs. Mazzoli and McCrory. I understand that Chairman Boland has already advised Congressman Edwards to this effect.

I regret that, at this time, I have no alternative but to suggest that you satisfy your need for matters which fall within your Committee's jurisdiction by making your request to the Assistant to the President for National Affairs or the Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Having been out of the country for most of last week, I tried to reach you on the telephone just this morning. Having failed to reach you, I am having this response delivered to you today by hand.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence